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MAYOR RICE VINDICATED.

Personal Abuse Could Not Win Against His Splendid Official Record.

CARRIED M'KINLEY'S WARD AND PRECINCT WITH EASE.

Republicans Manage to Capture Three Offices on the General Ticket—Democrats Carry Six of the Seven Wards for Ward Office. While the Democratic School Board Carried Every Ward in the City—The Democratic Township Ticket Elected—This is Certainly a Signal Victory.

A great victory for free speech and a free country was won in Canton yesterday. For five weeks the Republican ring has been heaping abuse upon Democratic candidates and particularly Mayor James A. Rice, because he had the courage and the manhood to stand up last fall and urge his principles despite the fact that a fellow townsman was a candidate for a high office. For asserting his principles he has been vilified and dishonestly assailed, and an effort made to discredit him before the people. A letter which he wrote to the Mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska, was paraded, because in it was stated that Mr. Bryan would carry Mr. McKinley's county, city, ward and precinct. This was Mayor Rice's mature judgment, and it was good judgment at the time. The letter was written before the brutal campaign methods of Mark Hanna began to operate. At any rate Mr. McKinley didn't have a majority to brag about, but the Mayor had a right to his opinion and to express it. Mr. Bryan did not carry Mr. McKinley's ward and precinct, and great political capital was attempted because of that fact. Mayor Rice was certain there must have been a mistake somewhere and that the voters didn't understand the situation. What Mr. Bryan failed to do, Mayor Rice took upon himself to do—and did it. He has carried Mr. McKinley's city, ward and precinct and has demonstrated that the confidence game cannot be played on one community more than once in six months. It is understood that Mayor Rice is going to commit the unpardonable sin of writing another letter to the Mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska, and have it photographed for the evening Republican organ.

The campaign was one of unusual interest and so far as Mayor Rice was concerned, it was fought by him and his friends squarely and openly. On the other hand he was viciously assailed by a ring of politicians hunting for pelf, and while he maintained a dignified demeanor, the other fellows kept firing away, every shot missing the mark and making votes for the party attacked.

With all due regard for the Mayor's personal popularity, his splendid ability as an organizer and his excellent record as an official, making him indeed an ideal candidate, it is a real question to whom should be accorded the honor for this magnificent victory. For a time the Repository had the honor in a walk. Then the Record opened up and set the Repository's chances in the background. Then up came Blum's head. This was the most picturesque part of the campaign. The President of the Law and Order League, fresh from a conference with the Liquor Dealers' Association, where he made a complete compromise, entered the contest with a barrel of ink and a nasty fist with which to sling it. From that moment, there was no doubt about the result, and Blum came in under the wire a neck ahead of both the Repository and the Record, in the contest as to which could do the most to elect Rice mayor. Blum stands well with the Democrats

of Canton. He fought a splendid fight for our candidate, and can gracefully assume the honors, leaving a few, however, to divide up with that other saint in politics, the Rev. Dr. Manchester. Mayor Rice's victory is complete, and is a vindication of his course, both as a citizen and as an official.

For his opponent John G. A. Richter only the kindest feeling is manifest among Mr. Rice's supporters. He is an exemplary citizen, fitted for the sphere he will continue to occupy. Not a word against Mr. Richter, personally, has appeared in print nor has been circulated in any other manner, during the campaign. He was in bad company. It is not necessary to enlarge further.

The contest for marshal was a warm one. The present marshal had been careful, during his administration, to keep his eye on a second term and had laid his wiles with a fine hand. His opponent, Samuel Becherer, was eminently a fit candidate, but was handicapped by it being the present marshal's second term, and the fact of his official position gave him great leverage. As it is, Mr. Becherer received a flattering vote and his friends feel very sorry indeed that he could not have secured just the few more votes that were required.

It is always difficult to defeat a street commissioner who is out for a second term. The ways of the street commissioner, who is a politician, are devious, and he can entrench himself so that defeat is hardly possible. Mr. Sommer made a great fight and it is deplored that a great victory is marred by his defeat and that of Mr. Becherer, for marshal, and Mr. Fickinger for market master.

The councilmanic ticket goes through with big pluralities, save in the seventh ward, and Doc Smith had a narrow call there. The same is true of the assessors and other minor offices. The water works department was condemned at the polls and a business man elected to assist in straightening affairs out. Altogether it was a fine victory, as the figures, which are appended, show:

MAYOR.				
Ward 1—	A	B	C	To. Pts.
Richter.....	199	133	164	89 583
Rice.....	232	159	114	127 603 40
White.....	3	1	4	
Rabe.....	4	1	5	
WARD 2—				
Richter.....	97	166	152	415
Rice.....	143	175	242	560 146
White.....	9	1	1	
Rabe.....	2	1	2	
WARD 3—				
Richter.....	114	131	86	331
Rice.....	144	147	144	435 104
White.....	3	2	1	
Rabe.....	1	3	4	
WARD 4—				
Richter.....	93	121	103	317
Rice.....	102	173	136	411 94
White.....	1	4	9	
Rabe.....	2	4	6	
WARD 5—				
Richter.....	134	131	1	266
Rice.....	170	176	1	346 80
White.....	5	6	6	
Rabe.....	3	3	3	
WARD 6—				
Richter.....	133	101	99	333

CITY SOLICITOR.				
Ward 1—	A	B	C	To. Maj.
Webber.....	207	133	158	88 586
Smith.....	231	160	124	121 626 40
WARD 2—				
Webber.....	93	157	152	402
Smith.....	144	183	23	350 168
WARD 3—				
Webber.....	115	133	96	344
Smith.....	139	148	134	421 67
WARD 4—				
Webber.....	88	124	107	319
Smith.....	103	168	130	401 82
WARD 5—				
Webber.....	136	124	1	260
Smith.....	165	180	1	345 85
WARD 6—				
Webber.....	139	103	98	340
Smith.....	166	174	123	463 133
WARD 7—				
Webber.....	198	118	149	465 93
Smith.....	98	177	148	423 531

BOARD OF EDUCATION.				
The vote of each candidate for the board of education by wards follows. In precinct C, sixth ward, the vote was not given, and it was necessary to average it by the head of the ticket.				
Hodgdon, R., ward 1, 635; ward 2, 468; ward 3, 342; ward 4, 327; ward 5, 278; ward 6, 335; ward 7, 686. Total, 3,035.				
Gould, R., ward 1, 651; ward 2, 468; ward 3, 350; ward 4, 310; ward 5, 281; ward 6, 324; ward 7, 685. Total, 3,075.				
Evans, R., ward 1, 626; ward 2, 454; ward 3, 344; ward 4, 316; ward 5, 274; ward 6, 321; ward 7, 649. Total, 2,984.				
Blanchard, D., ward 1, 898; ward 2, 638; ward 3, 453; ward 4, 428; ward 5, 381; ward 6, 487; ward 7, 656. Total, 3,851.				



JAMES ALLEN RICE.
WHO IS STILL MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CANTON.

WATER WORKS TRUSTEE.									
Wards.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Borden.....	554	407	354	341	250	317	588		
Alexander.....	557	556	410	382	353	476	509		
Alexander's majority, 513.									
MARSHAL.									
Wards.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Reed.....	635	488	412	329	301	346	667		
Becherer.....	565	480	353	359	302	445	487		
Reed's majority, 187.									
STREET COMMISSIONER.									
Wards.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Hill.....	678	457	392	362	307	426	700		
Sommer.....	543	516	389	366	301	376	460		
Hill's majority, 381.									
MARKET MASTER.									
Wards.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
McCloud.....	646	465	390	356	296	361	682		
Fickinger.....	552	501	369	358	290	435	468		
McCloud's majority, 233.									
COUNCIL.									
Ward 1—Hogan, D.....	636,	Maj. 66							
Ward 2—Wetrick, R.....	570								
Ward 3—Shuler, D.....	534,	Maj. 101							
Ward 4—Fry, R.....	433.								
Ward 5—Streiber, D.....	426,	Maj. 85							
Ward 6—Skinner, R.....	341.								
Ward 7—Eckert, D.....	428,	Maj. 131							
Ward 8—Crouse, R.....	297.								
Ward 9—Cummins, D.....	340,	Maj. 70							
Ward 10—Stewart, R.....	270.								
Ward 11—Faust, D.....	460,	Maj. 119							
Ward 12—Hall, R.....	340.								
Ward 13—Johnson, D.....	532.								
Ward 14—Smith, R.....	696,	Maj. 104							
ASSESSOR.									
Ward 1—Moffitt, D.....	587.								

Kline, D., ward 1, 773; ward 2, 69	ward 3, 345; ward 4, 430; ward 5, 38	ward 6, 493 ward 7, 650. Total, 3,80	Young, D., ward 1, 767; ward 2, 82	ward 3, 448; ward 4, 448; ward 5, 2	ward 6, 483; ward 7, 644. Total, 3,78
CONSTABLES.					
Krumlauf, R., ward 1, 597; ward	424; ward 3, 855; ward 4, 320; ward	263; ward 6, 332; ward 7, 594. Total,	2,875.		
Davis, R., ward 1, 590; ward 2, 41	ward 3, 354; ward 4, 337; ward 5, 2	ward 6, 333; ward 7, 609. Total, 2,91	Hennessey, D., ward 1, 620; ward	530; ward 3, 494; ward 4, 389; ward	932; ward 6, 474 ward 7, 558. Total,
3,394. Plurality over all, 17.					
Wislandt, D., ward 1, 520; ward 2, 53	ward 3, 400; ward 4, 383; ward 5, 39	ward 6, 466; ward 7, 531. Total, 2,17	Plurality over highest Republican, 26		
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE.					
Henry, K., ward 1, 632; ward 2, 43	ward 3, 386; ward 4, 322; ward 5, 28	ward 6, 364; ward 7, 644.	Miller, D., ward 1, 580; ward 2, 54	ward 3, 378; ward 4, 396; ward 5, 31	ward 6, 463; ward 7, 512.
Miller's majority, 120.					
TOWNSHIP TREASURER					
Nighman, R., ward 1, 597; ward	438; ward 3, 341; ward 4, 319; ward	265; ward 6, 331; ward 7, 643.	Smith, D., ward 1, 513; ward 2, 5	ward 3, 430; ward 4, 397; ward 5, 31	ward 6, 466; ward 7, 514.
Smith's majority, 201.					

STRINGING MARK.

The Boodle Senator From Ohio Tries to Tell How it All Happened.

Washington, April 7.—(Special).—His guileless colleagues gave Marcus Alonzo Hanna a nice reception when he appeared in the senate chamber Tuesday. They gathered around him and wanted to know what had caused the surprising results in Beckeydom. They were quizzically attentive to the great Ohioan.

"Grandmother" Hoar of Massachusetts went about the business of ascertaining "what is the matter with Ohio," in great seriousness, that is, Hanna must have taken him seriously, for he was at great pains to explain how the result came from purely local causes and was in no wise to be looked upon as a slap at the administration. Mark betrayed no feeling for the future of his senatorial existence. That it was no reflection on the administration is what he was careful to explain.

Senators Carter, Wilson, Chandler, Mason and many of the younger set gathered around Hanna's chair. They looked as if they might be having fun with the august national chairman, actually "stringing" him. Wilson was able to sympathize because Washington is likely to go Democratic next fall and out him off in his political youth, just as everybody here expects Ohio to do next fall.

Hanna went early to the White House to tell the president all about how it happened, and while he was doing that Bryan came in to call on the president and pay his respects—a most inopportune time, the gossip thought.

"I won't talk politics in the White House," Bryan said, when asked by a reporter what he thought of the election in Ohio.

Just then Mrs. McKinley came into the corridor, gazing out for her morning drive. A crowd had surrounded Bryan. The gallant Nebraskan saw Mrs. McKinley before these around him.

"We'd better stand back a little to let Mrs. McKinley pass," he said to those around him. At the same time he stepped out from the crowd, raised his hat, bowed and took the hand Mrs. McKinley extended. A handshake and a "pleased to see you," was the form of their salutation.

After Bryan got into his carriage to drive away, he thoughtfully remarked that he felt sure confidence had been restored and prosperity was en route. He did not care to venture an opinion on the Ohio result because, he said, he had no knowledge as to the local conditions. But his manner indicated that he was immensely pleased.

Just what the president and the Ohio senator had to talk about cannot of course be stated, as a certainty. One of the matters, a good guesser might think, was the case of ex-Congressman Bellamy Storer. The president absolutely promised to appoint him assistant secretary of state without consulting Foraker. Storer is holding him to that promise. Around the White House they say he is "acting like a hog."

Foraker and the president have reached an understanding about the matter. Storer is to be nominated. McKinley will then have fulfilled his promise. The president knows Foraker will object to his confirmation. Foraker has counted noses in the senate and knows Storer's confirmation will be defeated. The president also knows that they have agreed that Storer will be a good man to kill off for McKinley as Foraker is. Being of one mind in the matter they will not allow the apparent antagonism to strain the harmony now existing in Ohio. The program was to have Storer's name sent in today, but owing to the absence of the senior senator, the nomination will probably not be made until after the president returns from his trip upon which he starts tomorrow.

James Boyle returned from Columbus at noon. Columbus goes Democratic at all local elections, is the explanation the consul-to-be at Liverpool gives about the slump at Columbus.

"There is nothing for the Republicans to be alarmed about," said Captain Jake Donaldson, for many years secretary of the Ohio state committee. "In 1885

AT MASSILLON.

The Democrats Win a Substantial Victory and Gain a Majority of the Offices.

Massillon, April 6.—(Special).—A substantial Democratic victory was gained here Monday, though a few candidates were lost by small pluralities. Otto E. Young and Eugene Willison had a close race for city solicitor, Willison winning by about twenty votes.

Ray A. Markle, Republican, was defeated by Harry Markle, for marshal, by about 510. George B. Hollis, Democrat, was elected street commissioner by a plurality of 310. Paul Kirchberger, Democrat, was elected city treasurer, majority, 178; Cyrus Smith, township trustee by 71 majority; Aaron Garler, township treasurer by 413 majority. The Democrats also elected two constables and two council members.

Probably the fact that there were few important questions at issue was the reason so light a vote was polled. The rain drizzled almost incessantly, and very little enthusiasm was felt. The Republican vote was very light as compared with last fall's figures. The Republicans lost 300 votes, which should have been polled the Democrats gaining 200. Many Republicans refused to vote at all, declaring they had voted for McKinley and the prosperity, and refused to turn out. Republican residents within a square of the polls put forth no effort to cast their ballots. About 300 women, in all, voted. 75 of them in the fourth ward. In the same ward, 155 straight Democratic tickets were voted, 41 Republican, and one Populist.

Mr. Harry Markle is a Democrat, and true. He has held the office one term and a half. His many friends are joyfully congratulating him today.

The defeat of Mr. Otto Young is much regretted. The contest was a very close one and for a time the votes stood a tie, but finally the result slowly revealed with the small majority of 20 for Willison. Mr. Willison, gain and all, was dodging along the street early this morning between the rain drops, and as he met his friends his laugh was intermingled with: "I didn't think I'd get it."

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RESULT AT RANDOLPH.

The Entire Democratic Ticket Wins With Substantial Majorities Over Republicans.

Our Randolph correspondent sends us the following result of the election there, the entire Democratic ticket being successful:

Justices of the Peace—W. H. Beller, D., 183; Darwin Davis, R., 108.
Trustees—H. Eberly, D., 179; F. Dadd, R., 118.
Treasurer—P. Shuman, D., 180; S. B. Tronett, R., 110.
Assessor—E. L. Royer, D., 184; Kreiberg, R., 115.
Constable—Hornung, D., 186; J. Klein, D., 175; R. R. Wanstler, R., 108; Willard, R., 117.

He Pleaded Guilty.
John Bash was arrested yesterday by Constable Krumlauf on the charge of attempting to provoke a breach of the peace. The complaint was filed by Jerry Keller, who alleges that Bash called him vile and abusive names. When arraigned before Justice Robertson Bash pleaded guilty and was fined \$1 and costs, which he paid.

Dismissed the Case.
George Sheets, who had his father-in-law, William Gilbert arrested in Justice Robertson's court for perjury, has withdrawn the charge and the case has been dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

SWEPT CHICAGO.

CAMPAIN FOUGHT LARGELY ON NATIONAL ISSUES.

Voters Rebuke the Republican Party For Its False Promises—Carter H. Harrison Elected Mayor by a Tremendous Majority.

Chicago, April 7.—(Special).—The magnificent victory achieved by Carter H. Harrison, the free silver candidate for mayor, yesterday, has completely stunned the friends of the administration and messages have been sent to Washington to the effect that the earth is jig is up and that congress should hurry up and do something to relieve a perplexed and distressed people. Carter Harrison was the candidate of the silver forces and the fact that he received more votes than all the opposition combined shows that the voters desired to express their more mature judgment concerning "Sound money," the "opening of the mills instead of the mints," and the like. "Gold Democrat" Having resigned as postmaster in order to run for mayor on a "sound money" platform, and thought he had an easy thing of it. He got the lowest vote of the people on the national business. Now Harrison is writer mayor and postmaster. Corrected returns give Sears, Republican, 60,000; Harrison, Democrat, 118,000; Harlan, Independent, 72,000; Hoag, Independent, 15,000. The Democrats make a clean sweep of all the town offices in the west town and north town, and probably in the south town also, although the Republicans have a fighting chance to get an assessor in that part of the city. Of the 31 aldermen, the returns point to the election of 26 Democrats, four Republicans and four Independents. Three of the latter are Democrats, who went up in the ticket by pillory.

Harrison gained heavily in the banner Republican ward, carrying the Twenty-fourth by 5,019, against 4,251 for Harlan and 3,121 for Sears. This ward gave McKinley a majority of 6,000 last fall. The third fourth and twelfth wards, always Republican strongholds, were also carried by Harrison.

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Identified the Goods.
Fred H. R. and E. W. Miller, of Worcester, came to Canton yesterday and in looking over the plunder taken from John Guskay they identified two sets of harness, a lap robe and a blue blanket as their property. By the permission of Prosecuting Attorney Panzerer they were allowed to take the articles home with them. George W. Roster identified a pair of buggy shafts as ones stolen from him at the time his chickens were stolen.

Licensed to Wed.
The following persons have been licensed to marry:
William Snyder and Sophia German, Canton.
W. F. Shorer and Ida Alice Seemann, Canton.
Leslie Skelton and Ella M. Eschliman, North Lawrence.
W. H. Petree and Lida Petree, Canton.

Two Deeds of Assignment.
Dayton Marshall, of Sugar Creek township, filed a deed of assignment in Probate court at 11:10 this morning. Assets are \$1,500, with liabilities not estimated. William Breninger is assignee.

Samuel Wolf, of Marlboro, filed a similar deed this afternoon naming Henry Bixler as assignee. Assets are \$1,000 liabilities the same.

